



#### **CURRENT EVENTS**

- MOPITT instrument is presently at David Florida Laboratories (Ottawa)
  - ♦ EMC testing this week
  - ♦ Vibration testing next week
- ♦ Expected at University of Toronto calibration facility 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1997
- ♦ Contract discussions for MOPITT-A (aircraft version) are in progress
- ♦ Discussions on validation and response to NASA NRA also in progress
- ♦ MATR flights due Sept. 1997 on DOE Citation from Las Vegas
- Software development is "on track"





#### **PROGRAM ISSUES**

- Schedule
  - ♦ Test schedule is marginal for effective instrument calibration. Tests have been given 1,2,3 priorities to assist in identifying critical tests
  - ♦ Science return <u>must</u> be protected even under heavy schedule pressure
- ♦ Backup Plans
  - Backup plans have been submitted (see separate presentation).
    - ◆ Effort cannot be "turned on" instantaneously





#### **INSTRUMENT ISSUES**

- The Instrument appears to be mostly OK!
- Scan motors have been a problem
  - Technically, issue has been solved
  - ♦ Risk level has increased, initiated analysis to see whether registration, etc can be realistically derived on-orbit
- Port cover motors also a problem
  - ♦ Technically, issue has been solved
  - Risk level increased, increased reluctance to re-close instrument doors (already <u>very</u> reluctant)
- Optical balance in modulators
  - Initial tests show similarity to engineering model, but no improvement.
  - Need to determine drift rate of imbalance and likely impact on data quality.





#### **TESTING ISSUES**

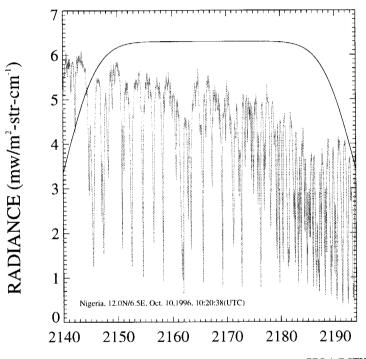
- ♦ Test Schedule is very tight no margin for error or problems
- ♦ Test of (un)polarization proving very challenging, need to eliminate more artifacts from the test set-up to get reliable results
- Spectral test also challenging, success in getting some data at 4.7μm, but more work needed for 2.4μm band.
- Attempting to speed up FOV tests which take longest time, but scan mirror problems focus attention on this area.

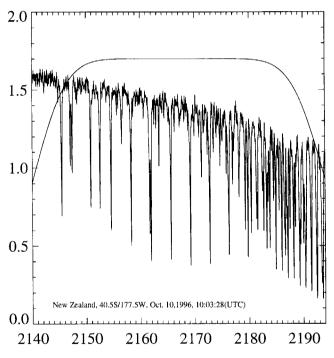






#### IMG High Resolution Spectra in MOPITT Thermal Band





WAVENUMBER(cm<sup>-1</sup>)







### **Polarisation Effects at MCS Output**

